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7 8	UNITED STATES BA	NKRUPTO	CY COURT		
9	CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFO	ORNIA, LO	S ANGELES DIVISION		
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11	In re	Case No. 2	2:22-bk-16660-NB		
12	SILVA AGASYAN, an individual,	Chapter 7			
13	Debtor.	APPLICATION BY CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE TO EMPLOY GENERAL BANKRUPTCY COUNSEL [11 U.S.C. §			
14	SSN XXX-XX-4548	327(a), Fe	d. R. Bank. P. 2014 and Loc. 2014-1(b)(1)]		
15		Date:	[To be determined]		
16		Time: Place:	[To be determined] U.S. Courthouse		
17			Courtroom 1545 255 E. Temple St.		
18			Los Angeles, CA 90012		
19	TO THE HONORABLE NEIL W. BASON				
20	THE DEBTOR AND OTHER PARTIES IN I	NTEREST:			
21 22	Comes Now John J. Menchaca ("Menchaca"), the duly appointed and acting chapter 7 trustee (the "Trustee") of the bankruptcy estate (the "Estate") of the above-captioned debtor Silva				
23	Agasyan, an individual (the "Debtor"), in Case No. 2:22-bk-16660-NB (the "Bankruptcy Case"),				
24	who hereby applies (the "Application") to employ The Law Offices of Wesley H. Avery, APC (the				
25	"Firm" or "Counsel"), as the Trustee's general bankruptcy counsel as of December 12, 2022				
26	pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § ("Section") 327(a). The Application is made on the basis of the following				
27	facts.				
28	1. The Debtor filed a voluntary chapter 7 petition on December 6, 2022 (the "Petition C:\Users\Client\Desktop\BLC\Agasyan\Agasyan Pleadings\LOWHA Employ App. doc				

Date") and Menchaca was appointed as the chapter 7 trustee. The Debtor is a party to that pending divorce proceeding styled In re the Marriage of Agasyan, LA Superior Court Case No. 19STFL15220 (the "Dissolution Action"). An order filed on July 20, 2022 (the "Sale Order") in the Dissolution Action commanded the sale (the "Sale") of that single family residence commonly known as 3506 Haven Way, Burbank CA 91504 (the "Residence"). The Sale was in escrow and about to close as of the Petition Date. The Trustee needs to retain the Firm to evaluate and liquidate the Estate's interest in, and the validity and priority of liens against, the Residence which is titled in the name of the Debtor only, and to determine any vendee's rights in the Residence pursuant to the Sale. The Trustee also needs the Firm to interpret orders subsequent to the Sale Order in the Dissolution Action, and to determine the nature, validity and amount of any inchoate attorneys' liens against the Residence. Finally, it is necessary and appropriate to employ Counsel to offer legal advice to the Trustee and to prosecute any other actions related to the administration of the Estate.

- 2. Counsel was not paid a retainer, and may only be compensated as approved by this Court upon written notice to creditors pursuant to Section 330(a). The hourly rate of Wesley H. Avery, Esq. ("Avery") of the Firm is \$685 per hour and the hourly rate of Lucy Mavyan, Esq. ("Mavyan") of the Firm is \$485 per hour. Avery is himself a panel chapter 7 trustee who has retained the accountancy firm of which Menchaca is a member to represent him on unrelated bankruptcy cases. Avery has represented the Trustee on unrelated bankruptcy cases.
- 3. As demonstrated by the attached Statement of Disinterestedness, Counsel has no connection with the Debtor, nor does Counsel hold or represent an interest adverse to the Estate and, therefore, is disinterested within the meaning of Section 101. Resumes of Avery and Mavyan are attached as **Exhibit A.**
- 4. Counsel has agreed and the Trustee proposes that Counsel's compensation from the Estate shall be subject to prior Court approval after services are rendered and based on the availability of funds in the Estate for payment of said compensation. Counsel proposes to charge the Estate lawyer's fees, and to seek reimbursement of actual out-of-pocket expenses, at rates as set

forth herein below. It is intended by the Parties that this Application and the Court's order approving it shall constitute the agreement between them. It is further agreed that all payments for attorney's fees and reimbursement of expenses of Counsel shall be paid from the Estate's funds, as, when, and if such funds become available and the Court approves disbursement thereof pursuant to Section 330(a).

5. Counsel also proposes to charge the Estate for his actual and necessary out-of-pocket expenses for long distance telephone calls, messenger charge, overnight mail costs, postage, parking expenses, court reporters' fees, VARS charges for transcripts of hearings, charges by the clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, witness and mileage fees as required by statute, and expenses for service of process when necessary. Additionally, Counsel proposes to charge as out-of-pocket expenses the following items at the following rates:

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- 6. Notice of this Application has been given in accordance with the rules of this Court. (See **Exhibit B** attached hereto.) Exhibit B includes a disclosure that approval of employment is to be effective as of December 12, 2022. The reason why approval of employment has been requested effective December 12, 2022 is because that is about when Counsel began rendering services.
- 7. To the best of Applicant's knowledge, as reflected in the Declaration attached hereto, Applicant believes that the Firm does not have any connection with the Debtor, the creditors, or any other party in interest, or their respective attorneys or accountants, or the United States Trustee or any person employed in the office of the United States Trustee, except that Avery is a panel chapter 7 trustee in the Los Angeles Division of the Central District of California.
- 8. Counsel has not received a lien or interest in property of the Debtor or third parties with respect to its representation of the Trustee. No agreement exists for a division of fees between Counsel and any other person or entity except as among the members of the Counsel.
- 9. There is no agreement between the Trustee and Counsel regarding said law Counsel's employment in this case other than as expressed in the within Application.
 - 10. To the best of Applicant's knowledge and belief, Counsel has no present connection

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Attorney or Party Name, Address, Telephone & FAX FOR COURT USE ONLY Nos., State Bar No. & Email Address Wesley H. Avery, Esq. CLS-B (SBN 155724) Lucy Mavyan, Esq. (SBN 260811) LAW OFFICES OF WESLEY H. AVERY, APC 758 E. Colorado Blvd. Ste. 210 Pasadena, CA 91101-2105 (626) 395-7576 (office) (661) 430-5467 (fax) wavery@thebankruptcylawcenter.com Attorney for: John J. Menchaca, Chapter 7 Trustee UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA - LOS ANGELES DIVISION CASE NO.: 2:22-bk-16660-NB In re: SILVA AGASYAN, an individual, CHAPTER: 7 Debtor. STATEMENT OF DISINTERESTEDNESS SSN XXX-XX-4548 FOR EMPLOYMENT OF PROFESSIONAL **PERSON UNDER FRBP 2014** (File with Application for Employment)

Name, address and telephone number of the professional (Professional) submitting this Statement:
 Law Offices of Wesley H. Avery, APC (the "Firm"), 758 E. Colorado Blvd. # 210, Pasadena CA 91101; Office 626 395-7576.

Debtor(s).

- 2. The services to be rendered by the Professional in this case are (specify):

 The Trustee needs to retain the Firm to assist in the sale of the Debtor's vacant residence.
- 3. The terms and source of the proposed compensation and reimbursement of the Professional are (*specify*): fee application subject to court approval upon notice to creditors.

[No Hearing Required]

4.	The nature and terms of retainer (i.e., nonrefundable versus an advance against fees) held by the Professional are (specify): N/A.
5.	The investigation of disinterestedness made by the Professional prior to submitting this Statement consisted of (specify): Review of docket, petition, list of creditors and client files.
6.	The following is a complete description of all of the Professional's connections with the Debtor, principals of the Debtor, insiders, the Debtor's creditors, any other party or parties in interest, and their respective attorneys and accountants, the United States trustee, or any person employed in the office of the United States trustee (specify, attaching extra pages as necessary): The professional is a panel chapter 7 trustee in the Central District of California
7.	The Professional is not a creditor, an equity security holder or an insider of the Debtor, except as follows (specify, attaching extra pages as necessary): N/A.
8.	The Professional is not and was not, within 2 years before the date of the filing of the petition, a director, officer or employee of the Debtor.
9.	The Professional does not have an interest materially adverse to the interest of the estate or of any class of creditors or equity security holders, by reason of any direct or indirect relationship to, connection with, or interest in, the Debtor, or for any other reason, except as follows (specify, attaching extra pages as necessary): N/A.
10.	Name, address and telephone number of the person signing this Statement on behalf of the Professional and the relationship of such person to the Professional (specify): Wesley H. Avery, Esq., CLS-B, President, 758 E. Colorado Blvd. # 210, Pasadena CA 91101; Office 626 395-7576.

11.	The Professional is not a relative or employee of the United States trustee or a bankruptcy judge, except as follows (specify, attaching extra pages as necessary):
	Professional is a panel chapter 7 bankruptcy trustee.

12.	Total number of	attached p	pages of	supporting	documentation:	2

After conducting or supervising the investigation described in paragraph 5 above, I declare under penalty of perjury
under the laws of the United States, that the foregoing is true and correct except that I declare that paragraphs 6
through 9 are stated on information and belief.

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12/16/22 Wesley H. Avery	hlerles A -
Date Printed Name	Signature

Exhibit A

Wesley H. Avery, Esq.

Wesley H. Avery, Esq. received his B.A., with highest honors in Economics and in Political Science, from the University of California, Davis in 1980, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi. He received his M.B.A. from Harvard Business School in 1984 and his J.D. from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1991 with an emphasis in commercial law and bankruptcy.

Mr. Avery has been a member of the California State Bar since 1991. He is a panel Chapter 7 trustee and a Chapter 12 Trustee for the Central District of California. Mr. Avery is certified as a specialist in Bankruptcy Law by the State Bar of California and by the American Board of Certification which is recognized by the American Bar Association and the American Bankruptcy Institute. He is rated AV-by Martindale Hubbell since 1999, rated 10.0 by Avvo, and has been designated as a Superlawyer since 2006. Mr. Avery has testified and been deposed as an expert witness on Bankruptcy Law.

Mr. Avery is a veteran, and was on active duty as a Major in the U.S. Army from 1996-1997 at which time he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. He was a Member of the ABA Subcommittee on Legal Specialization (2013-2016), was Chairman of the California State Bar Bankruptcy Law Advisory Commission (2004-2005) and was Chairman of the State Board of Legal Specialization (2010-2011). Mr. Avery's reported cases include In re Forrest, 611 B.R. 662; Maqsoudi, 566 BR 40; In re Santos, 561 B.R. 825; In re Obedian, 546 B.R. 409; In re DeGour, 478 B.R. 1; In re JMC Telecom LLC, 416 B.R. 738; In re Lahijani, 325 B.R. 282; In re Plitt Amusement Co., 233 B.R. 837; DRG v. Chopstix Dim Sum Café, 30 Cal.App.4th 54.

LUCY A. MAVYAN, ESO.

Lucy A. Mayyan, Esq. received her Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, from the University of California, Los Angeles in 2004. She earned her Juris Doctorate, cum laude, from Whittier Law School in 2008, where she served as the Associate Editor for the Whittier Law Review and published an article regarding the Fourth Amendment.

Ms. Mayyan has exclusively practiced bankruptcy law since 2009. Prior to commencing her employment at the Law Offices of Wesley H. Avery, Ms. Mavyan represented debtors in Chapter 7 and 13 bankruptcy cases, as well as representing Chapter 7 trustees. In addition, Ms. Mavyan served as a staff attorney for a chapter 13 trustee for nearly four years. Ms. Mavyan also has experience as a chapter 7 trustee administrator.

Ms. Mavyan has been a member of the California State Bar since 2008 and the New York State Bar since 2010. She is admitted to practice in the Central, Southern, Northern, and Eastern Districts of California. She is also a member of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees and American Inns of Court.

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Exhibit B

PROOF OF SERVICE OF DOCUMENT

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. I am an employee of Law Offices of Wesley H. Avery, APC, and my business address is 758 E. Colorado Blvd. Ste. 210, Pasadena, CA 91101. A true and correct copy of the foregoing document entitled (*specify*): **Application** will be served or was served **(a)** on the judge in chambers in the form and manner required by LBR 5005-2(d); and **(b)** in the manner stated below:

- 1. TO BE SERVED BY THE COURT VIA NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING (NEF): Pursuant to controlling General Orders and LBR, the foregoing document will be served by the court via NEF and hyperlink to the document. On (date) December 16, 2022, I checked the CM/ECF docket for this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding and determined that the following persons are on the Electronic Mail Notice List to receive NEF transmission at the email addresses stated below:
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 - Stella A Havkin stella@havkinandshrago.com, shavkinesq@gmail.com
 - John J Menchaca (TR) jmenchaca@menchacacpa.com, ca87@ecfcbis.com;igaeta@menchacacpa.com

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bankruptcy case or adve	2022, I served the following proceeding by postage prepaid, and a	olacing a true and corre addressed as follows. I	r entities at the last known addresses in this ect copy thereof in a sealed envelope in the United Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that be document is filed.
Debtor Silva Agasyan, 7	124 Valmont Street #	4, Tujunga, CA 91042	2-2380
			☐ Service information continued on attached page
3. <u>SERVED BY PERSONAL DELIVERY, OVERNIGHT MAIL, FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION OR EMAIL (state method for each person or entity served)</u> : Pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 5 and/or controlling LBR, on (<i>date</i>) December 16, 2022, I served the following persons and/or entities by personal delivery, overnight mail service, or (for those who consented in writing to such service method), by facsimile transmission and/or email as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that personal delivery on, or overnight mail to, the judge <u>will be completed</u> no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.			
I declare under nenalty (of periury under the la	aws of the United State	Service information continued on attached page es that the foregoing is true and correct.
12/16/22	Lupe Castillo		/s/ Lupe Castillo
Date	Printed Name		Signature

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to Loc. Bankr. R. 2014-1(b)(2), any response and request for hearing on the Application must be in the form required by Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1(f), filed with the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court, located at 255 E. Temple Street, First Floor, Los Angeles, California 90012 (the "Clerk's Office"), and served upon the Trustee's proposed counsel, whose address appears in the upper left corner of the first page of this Notice, no later than fourteen (14) days from the date of service of this Notice. The Trustee will set a hearing date and send out notice thereto if any such response is timely

accountancy firm of which Menchaca is a member to represent him on unrelated bankruptcy cases.

Avery has represented the Trustee on unrelated bankruptcy cases.

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received. No hearing will be held if no response and request for hearing is received. You may obtain a copy of the Trustee's Application by making a written request to his proposed attorneys at the address and telephone number in the upper left corner of the first page of this Notice. You may obtain copies of all pleadings in the Bankruptcy Case from the Clerk's Office.

Date: 12/16/22

LAW OFFICES OF WESLEY H. AVERY, APC

Wesley H. Avery, Esq Lucy Mavyan. Esq.

(Proposed) Attorney for John J. Menchaca

Chapter 7 Trustee

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I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. I am an employee of Law Offices of Wesley H. Avery, APC, and my business address is 758 E. Colorado Blvd, Ste. 210, Pasadena, CA 91101. A true and correct copy of the foregoing document entitled (specify): Notice will be served or was served (a) on the judge in chambers in the form and manner required by LBR 5005-2(d); and $\overline{(b)}$ in the manner stated below:

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